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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 1,16-27,29,30,46-52,54,55,58-62,64-74,77-87,101-112,114,115,131-136,138,139,142-146,148-158,161-164,166-169 and 171-180.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims rejected are 1,16-27,29,30,46-52,54,55,58-62,64-74,77-87,101-112,114,115,131-136,138,139,142-146,148-158,161-164,166-169 and 171-180.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 2-15, 28, 31-45, 53, 56-57, 63, 75-76, 88-100, 113, 116-130, 137, 140-141, 147, 159-160, 165, and 170 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 16-27, 29-30, 46-52, 54-55, 58-62, 64-74, 77-87, 101-112, 114-115, 131-136, 138-139, 142-146, 148-158, 161-164, 166-169, and 171-180 are now pending in application 09/832,440.

Specification

2. The objection to the abstract is withdrawn due to applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The rejection of Claims 75, 76, 159, and 160 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is withdrawn due to the cancellation of said claims.
4. The rejection of Claims 11-17, 54-55, and 138-139 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn due to applicant's amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 16-27, 29-30, 46-52, 54, 55, 58-62, 64-74, 77-87, 101-112, 114-115, 131-136, 138, 139, 142-146, 148-158, 161-164, 166-169, 171-180 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over College Board (www.collegeboard.com,
Screen Print, 1/25/1999) in view of Baker, III (US 6,266,648).

7. As per independent Claims 1 and 87, College Board discloses a system / method for permitting an entity to more effectively make use of a variety of available benefits from a plurality of goods, services, information, and value benefit providers, wherein said benefits are offered specifically to those entities qualified/eligible to receive said benefits, said system comprising: means for storing in a memory in the system entity information, benefit-provider information, and benefit correlation information; means for inputting into said system a set of entity demographic, geographic, psychographic, and preference data for said entity; means for comparing said entity data set to determine those benefit-providers, if any, which have benefits said entity is qualified to utilize; means for analyzing said benefit-provider information and said benefit correlation information to determine whether any benefit-providers are offering potentially applicable benefits for said data and whether said data satisfies requirements for obtaining said potentially applicable benefits; means for displaying a message to inform a system user of any available benefits applicable to said data; wherein said benefits includes at least one of a discounted rate or value available to the entity as a result of entity's qualifying or being eligible for at least one benefit available from at least one benefit provider.
(www.collegeboard.com).

8. College Board fails to expressly disclose means for inputting into said system benefit information from two or more distinctly different benefit classes/categories.
9. Baker discloses a method/system for permitting a consumer to more effectively make use of a variety of available benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers (abstract, C3 L5-51).
10. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included means for inputting into said system benefit information from two or more distinctly different benefit classes/categories, as disclosed by Baker in the system disclosed by College Board, for the advantage of providing a benefits matching/correlation system, with the ability to increase system effectiveness/customer service by incorporating a variety of benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers.
11. As per Claims 16 and 101, College Board and Baker disclose means for displaying available benefits applicable to said data, said available benefits listed in a manner selected from the group consisting of benefit class or category, *value of benefits*, cost (if any) of benefits, importance of benefits, relevance of benefits, ease of use of benefits, *expiration (date) of benefits*, creation (date) of benefits, type of benefits, and physical proximity of said entity to one or more said benefit providers (www.collegeboard.com).
12. As per Claims 17 and 102, College Board and Baker disclose means for said entity to self-select said manner of benefits listing display (www.collegeboard.com).

13. As per Claims 18, 19, 103, and 104, College Board and Baker disclose means for the storage within said system of (some portion of) said entity's benefit-search results for entity's future viewing and use (www.collegeboard.com).
14. As per Claims 20, 21, 105, and 106, College Board and Baker disclose means for the storage outside said system of (some portion of) said entity's benefit-search results for entity's future viewing and use (www.collegeboard.com).
15. As per Claims 22-24, and 107-109, College Board and *Baker* disclose means for the notification of said entity upon the (impending) modification to, update of change to, elimination of, the creation of one or more benefits offered by one or more benefit providers, or that one or more benefits said entity previously did not qualify to receive but for which said entity now does qualify to receive (Baker: C10 L59-67, C11 L1-15).
16. As per Claims 25 and 110, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said system is a computer system (www.collegeboard.com).
17. As per Claims 26 and 111, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said means for displaying a message that further does not specify at least one benefit provider (www.collegeboard.com).
18. As per Claims 27 and 112, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said means for displaying a message that further does not specify at least one benefit (www.collegeboard.com).
19. As per Claims 29 and 114, College Board and Baker fail to expressly disclose means of requiring said entity to update said entity data as a condition of said entity continuing to remain a system user.

20. However, College Board does teach the use of the EXPAN system, which maintains a profile on users of the system (www.collegeboard.com), and therefore, it would have been obvious and well known at the time the invention was made, to require users to periodically update their profiles for the advantage of reducing bounce-backs of information transmittal (due to incorrect profile information), and maintaining an up-to-date profile database.
21. As per Claims 30 and 115, College Board and Baker fail to expressly disclose means for said entity to pay for said system access and use.
22. However, College Board is an advertisement-based system instead of a fee-based system, and web-commerce (internet payment systems) was well known at the time the invention was made.
23. Therefore, it would have been obvious to include means for said entity to pay for said system access and use of the College Board system, for the advantage of offering a fee-based system to users, and an additional source of income.
24. College Board and Baker also fail to expressly disclose wherein payment is received as one or more methods from the group of: on a per benefit disclosed basis; on a per benefit received basis; on a per benefit utilized basis; through said entity's relinquishment of at least a portion of at least one of said benefits; through the payment of some percentage of at least one of said benefits; through the payment from a plurality of at least part of a value equivalent of at least one of said benefits.
25. However these differences are only found in the nonfunctional descriptive material and are not functionally involved in the steps recited. The benefit matching system/method

would be performed regardless of how the entity paid for the system access and use.

Thus, this descriptive material will not distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art in terms of patentability, *see In re Gulack*, 703 F.2d 1381, 1385, 217 USPQ 401, 404 (Fed. Cir. 1983); *In re Lowry*, 32 F.3d 1579, 32 USPQ2d 1031 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

26. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the entity pay for the system access and use on a per benefit disclosed basis; on a per benefit received basis; on a per benefit utilized basis; through said entity's relinquishment of at least a portion of at least one of said benefits; through the payment of some percentage of at least one of said benefits; through the payment from a plurality of at least part of a value equivalent of at least one of said benefits, because such data does not functionally relate to the steps in the method claimed and because the subjective interpretation of the data does not patentably distinguish the claimed invention.

27. As per Claims 46 and 131, College Board and Baker disclose means for receiving directly or via third party intermediaries of monetary revenue or other value from at least one from the benefit provider group of: governments; and education institutions; and commercial enterprises; and individuals; and non-profits and charities (www.collegeboard.com).

28. As per Claims 47 and 132, College Board and Baker disclose means for updating benefits data; and modifying benefits data; and removing benefits data; and adding new benefits data (www.collegeboard.com).

29. As per Claim 48, College Board and Baker disclose means for updating entity data; and modifying entity data; and removing entity data; and adding new entity data (www.collegeboard.com).
30. As per Claims 49 and 133, College Board and Baker disclose means for: providing the physical address of the benefit providers; and providing benefit providers' contact information; and providing a map for and direction to the benefit providers (www.collegeboard.com).
31. As per Claims 50 and 134, College Board and Baker disclose wherein the name, address, phone number and other contact information of one or more of said benefit providers is not revealed to said entity (www.collegeboard.com).
32. As per Claims 51, 52, 135, and 136, College Board and Baker fail to expressly disclose wherein said means for displaying said benefits include means for displaying any benefit provider required benefit application forms and means for assisting said entity in the completion of said application forms.
33. However, College Board does offer links to college entrance application forms and also offers help in completing said forms through the EXPAN system (www.collegeboard.com).
34. Therefore it would have been obvious to include means for displaying any benefit provider required benefit application forms and means for assisting said entity in the completion of said application forms with the system disclosed by College Board, for the advantage of offering additional serves and help to the system's users.

35. As per Claims 54 and 138, College Board and Baker disclose without leaving system, means for connecting said entity with at least one of said plurality of benefit providers directly via said system; and means for said entity to interact with said benefit providers via said system; and means for said benefit providers to offer said benefits to said entity via said system; and means for completion of application forms, when applicable, by said entity via said system; and means for transmitting said benefit approval for said entity by said benefit providers via said system; and means for transmitting an acceptance of said benefits by said entity via said system; and means for receiving said benefits by said entity via system; and means for using said benefits by said entity via system (www.collegeboard.com).
36. As per Claims 55 and 139, College Board and Baker disclose means for performing said direct via system process in real time (www.collegeboard.com).
37. As per Claims 58 and 142, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said entity benefits information is shared with at least one other entity via: said system; and an internet (www.collegeboard.com).
38. As per Claims 59 and 143, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said entity benefits is shared with at least one other entity via: said system; and an internet (www.collegeboard.com).
39. As per Claims 60 and 144, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said benefits have no acquisition or utilization qualifications; nor eligibility requirements (www.collegeboard.com).

40. As per Claims 61 and 145, College Board and Baker disclose means for obtaining, displaying, accepting, providing and/or utilization of at least one of said benefits (www.collegeboard.com).
41. As per Claims 62 and 146, College Board and Baker disclose means for displaying benefits for which said entity: may qualify for one or more benefits; and may not qualify for one or more benefits; and does qualify for one or more benefits; and does not qualify for one or more benefits (www.collegeboard.com).
42. As per Claims 64 and 148, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said entity may at entity's option have said message display inform entity of at least one benefit contained within said memory without regards to: said set of entity data; and whether or not entity qualifies for or is eligible for any such said benefits (www.collegeboard.com).
43. As per Claims 65 and 149, College Board and Baker disclose wherein one or more of said benefit providers may at benefit provider's option submit said benefit information directly into said system (www.collegeboard.com).
44. As per Claims 66 and 150, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said benefit information is delivered directly into said system via at least one third party intermediary acting on behalf of at least one of said benefit providers (www.collegeboard.com).
45. As per Claims 67 and 151, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said entity selects frequency of said system updates regarding said entity's benefit information concerning; at least one benefit; and at least one class of benefits (www.collegeboard.com).
46. As per Claims 68 and 152, College Board and Baker disclose wherein the number of said displayed applicable benefits varies according to: amount of said entity data; and the data

fields said entity fills in; and the completeness of said entity data
(www.collegeboard.com).

47. As per Claims 69, 70, 153, and 154, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said entity may at entity's option input a complete set (partial set) of "phantom" data; wherein said "phantom" data does not belong to nor correspond to said entity's actual factual data (www.collegeboard.com).
48. As per Claims 71 and 155, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said system is operated via an internet (www.collegeboard.com).
49. As per Claims 72 and 156, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said benefit information is delivered via an internet (www.collegeboard.com).
50. As per Claims 73 and 157, College Board and Baker disclose where in one or more benefits are delivered via an internet (www.collegeboard.com).
51. As per Claims 74 and 158, College Board and Baker disclose wherein one or more benefits are utilized via an internet (www.collegeboard.com).
52. As per Claims 77 and 161, College Board and Baker disclose wherein there is no entity data set (www.collegeboard.com).
53. As per Claims 78 and 162, College Board and Baker disclose wherein there are no qualification or eligibility parameters (www.collegeboard.com).
54. As per Claims 79 and 163, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said benefit message display excludes at least one benefit provider offering at least one benefit (www.collegeboard.com).

55. As per independent Claims 80 and 82, College Board discloses a system comprising a memory device having embodied therein information relating to a plurality of benefits; a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to: create a benefits listing for a specifies entity with a specifies set of demographic, geographic, psychographic, and preference data; make available said benefits listing; examine a plurality of benefits that are available to a plurality of entities, said listing to determine which of said plurality of benefits having qualification parameters; select at least one of said plurality benefits; and provide notification of benefit information to said entity, including the benefit providers corresponding to said selected benefits (www.collegeboard.com).
56. College Board fails to expressly disclose wherein the benefits are from at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories.
57. Baker discloses a method/system for permitting a consumer to more effectively make use of a variety of available benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers (abstract, C3 L5-51).
58. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included wherein the benefits are from at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories, as disclosed by Baker in the system disclosed by College Board, for the advantage of providing a benefits matching/correlation system, with the ability to increase system effectiveness/customer service by incorporating a variety of benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers.

59. As per independent Claim 81, College Board discloses a system comprising: a memory device having embodied therein information relating to a plurality of benefits; a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to: receive a benefits listing for a specified entity with a specified set of demographic, geographic, psychographic, and preference data; provide said benefits listing to an entity; receive an acceptance of said benefits listing from said entity; transmit said acceptance to a benefit information provider; and receive benefit information selected by said benefit information provider, including the benefit providers corresponding to said selected benefits (www.collegeboard.com).
60. College Board fails to expressly disclose wherein the benefits are from at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories.
61. Baker discloses a method/system for permitting a consumer to more effectively make use of a variety of available benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers (abstract, C3 L5-51).
62. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included wherein the benefits are from at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories, as disclosed by Baker in the system disclosed by College Board, for the advantage of providing a benefits matching/correlation system, with the ability to increase system effectiveness/customer service by incorporating a variety of benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers.

63. As per Claim 83, College Board and Baker disclose means for inputting into said system said entity data, which also includes entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).
64. As per Claim 84, College Board and Baker disclose means for comparing said entity data, which also includes entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).
65. As per Claim 85, College Board and Baker disclose means for analyzing said entity data, which also includes entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).
66. As per Claim 86, College Board and Baker disclose means for said displaying of a message wherein said entity data also contains entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).
67. As per independent Claims 164 and 169, College Board discloses a method of using a computer to process a benefit information request, comprising the steps of: creating a benefit listing; outputting said benefit listing via electronic system; examining a plurality of benefits which would fulfill the benefit information request relating to said benefit listing to determine which if any, of said plurality of benefits to select for said benefit listing; selecting, when available, at least one of said plurality of benefits; outputting notification of benefit information corresponding to said selected benefits and accepting at least one of said benefits (www.collegeboard.com).
68. College Board fails to expressly disclose wherein the benefits contain at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories.

69. Baker discloses a method/system for permitting a consumer to more effectively make use of a variety of available benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers (abstract, C3 L5-51).
70. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included wherein the benefits contain at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories, as disclosed by Baker in the system disclosed by College Board, for the advantage of providing a benefits matching/correlation system, with the ability to increase system effectiveness/customer service by incorporating a variety of benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers.
71. As per Claims 166 and 171, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said receiving (creating) benefit information includes receiving (creating) benefit information that further does not specify one or more benefit providers (www.collegeboard.com).
72. As per Claims 167 and 173, College Board and Baker disclose transmitting (receiving) a request of said benefit information; and receiving (transmitting) an acceptance of said benefit information (www.collegeboard.com).
73. As per Claims 168 and 172, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said receiving a request (outputting notification) includes receiving a request that further contains at least partially inaccurate, “phantom” information concerning benefit seeker (www.collegeboard.com).
74. As per Claim 174, College Board and Baker disclose providing a benefit listing without one or more of benefit providers being listed (www.collegeboard.com).

75. As per Claim 175, College Board and Baker disclose wherein said step of outputting notification includes the step of providing a benefit information listing with benefit providers being listed (www.collegeboard.com).
76. As per independent Claim 176, College Board discloses a method comprising the steps of: viewing, using a computer benefit information; transmitting, using a computer, a request to obtain at least one benefit corresponding to said benefit information; receiving a commitment for at least one benefit; accepting said commitment for said at least one benefit; and receiving said at least one benefit (www.collegeboard.com).
77. College Board fails to expressly disclose wherein the benefits are from at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories.
78. Baker discloses a method/system for permitting a consumer to more effectively make use of a variety of available benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers (abstract, C3 L5-51).
79. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included wherein the benefits are from at least two distinctly different benefit classes/categories, as disclosed by Baker in the system disclosed by College Board, for the advantage of providing a benefits matching/correlation system, with the ability to increase system effectiveness/customer service by incorporating a variety of benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers.
80. As per Claim 177, College Board and Baker disclose inputting into said system said entity data, which also includes entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).

81. As per Claim 178, College Board and Baker disclose comparing said entity data, which also includes entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).

82. As per Claim 179, College Board and Baker disclose analyzing said entity data which data also includes entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).

83. As per Claim 180, College Board and Baker disclose displaying said message wherein said entity data also contains entity identification information (www.collegeboard.com).

Response to Arguments

84. Applicant's arguments filed 9/26/03, with respect to Claims 1, 16-27, 29-30, 46-52, 54-55, 58-62, 64-74, 77-87, 101-112, 114-115, 131-136, 138-139, 142-146, 148-158, 161-164, 166-169, and 171-180, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

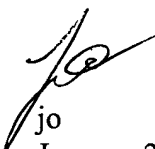
85. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

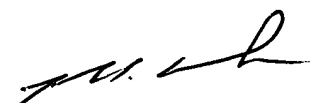
86. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the

advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

87. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (703) 605-0662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
88. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-3597 for After Final communications.
89. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-5484.


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